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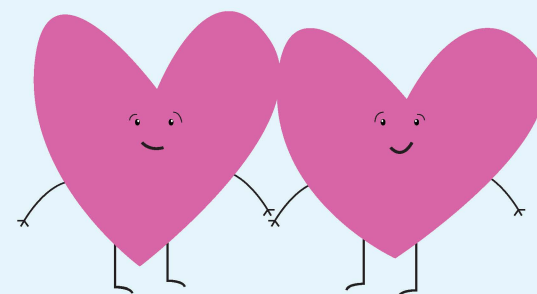
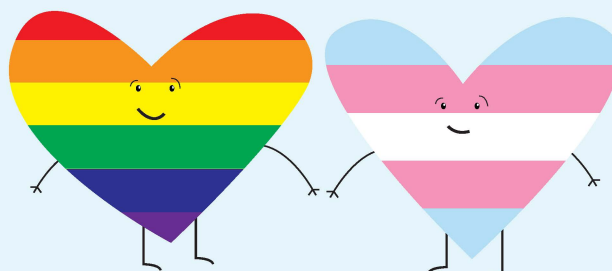
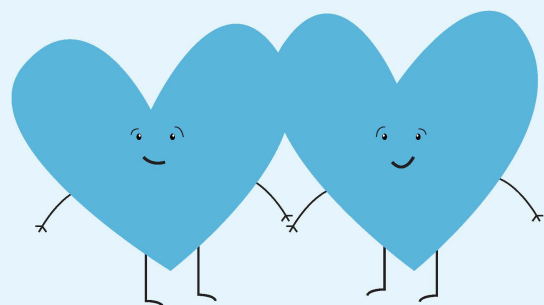


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love is love

A local trans couple shares their journey to
acceptance as Chicago preps for Pride Parade
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2015 SUMMER BOOK PREVIEW Look, books!

By **Elise De Los Santos and Aly Morris** | REDEYE

Whether you're looking for something serious, speedy, scrumptious or star-powered for the summer, we've got you covered.

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Tomes to get you thinking. —ED.

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'God Help the Child'

Toni Morrison, \$24.95

In Morrison's first novel to take place in a contemporary setting, the Pulitzer- and Nobel-winning author successfully transplants her unique brand of lyrical prose, interwoven storylines and dash of magical realism to the present day. The issue of child abuse is the common thread that runs through this tightly written novel, both the kind of abuse that makes headlines and the everyday kind unloved or uncared for children suffer. Morrison treats the subject with care, never sensationalizing it but also never shying away from her exploration of it and the emotional scars it causes.



'Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania'

Erik Larson, \$28

Larson ("The Devil in the White City") masterfully builds a three-dimensional narrative around an event that long has become a footnote in history and often has been overshadowed by the similar fate of the Titanic. He carefully weaves together a multithread history, balancing anecdotes of the everyday life of the passengers with enough military and political history to paint the bigger picture. From its opening pages, "Dead Wake" draws the reader into a story that's full of life, making the sheer loss of life 100 years ago all the more tragic.



'In the Unlikely Event'

Judy Blume, \$27.95

The "Summer Sisters" and "Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret" author is back with her first adult novel in 17 years. Inspired by an odd occurrence that Blume experienced during her childhood, "In the Unlikely Event" explores how a small town is rocked by tragedy when a succession of airplanes fall from the sky. According to the L.A. Times, it took Blume a "painful" five years to write the book as she researched and interviewed old friends for their recollections of the unsettling, strange period in their lives.



'Go Set a Watchman'

Harper Lee, \$27.99

It's been 55 years since Lee published "To Kill a Mockingbird," which you probably read/Spark Noted/watched the film adaptation of sometime during your high school career. The book will feature many of the same characters, albeit some 20 years after the events of "Mockingbird," as a grown-up Scout returns to Maycomb, Ala., to visit her father, Atticus. The novel's publication is not without controversy: When the book was announced, questions were raised about the health of Lee, 89, and some questioned whether publisher HarperCollins was taking advantage of the author.



'The Girl in the Spider's Web'

David Lagercrantz, \$27.95

This will be the fourth installment of the Millennium series, aka "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" books. Lagercrantz picks up where late author Stieg Larsson left readers at end of "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest" and reunites protagonists Lisbeth Salander and Mikael Blomqvist for a new and most likely dangerous adventure. According to the Guardian, Lagercrantz wrote the novel on a computer with no Internet connection and delivered the manuscript to his publisher by hand to prevent any leaks before the publish date.



'The Perfect Letter'

Chris Harrison, \$23.99

Yes, the host of "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette" wrote a novel, and yes, of course it's a romance novel. Leigh Merrill, a rising New York book editor, seems to have it all, but a trip home to Texas sets off a chain of events that involves a childhood sweetheart ex-boyfriend and a court case she was involved in a decade ago. It's a mass of romantic drama clichés—think Nicholas Sparks Lite—but "The Perfect Letter" gives readers exactly what they expect.



'An Ember in the Ashes'

Sabaa Tahir, \$19.95

Do not read this book if you plan on sleeping anytime before you've finished it. The novel introduces the Martial Empire, an ancient Rome-esque world. When her brother is arrested for helping the resistance, 17-year-old Laia goes undercover inside Blackcliff Academy, training ground of the Empire's soldiers, to help rescue him. The book's perspective switches between Laia and Elias, Blackcliff's best student. "Ember" may be marketed as young adult, but it deals with dark



'The Royal We'

Heather Cocks and Jessica Morgan, \$26

Move over, Kate and Wills, there's a new (fictional) couple to obsess about. "The Royal We" is the first adult book penned by the bloggers behind snarky celeb fashion site Go Fug Yourself. If the cover doesn't already give it away, the novel is based loosely on the real-life royal couple's courtship. While at Oxford, American Rebecca "Bex" Porter falls in love with Nick, the future king of Great Britain, and must decide whether the relationship is worth the pressures that come with marrying into the royal family. If you, like me, woke



'Grey'

E.L. James, \$15.95

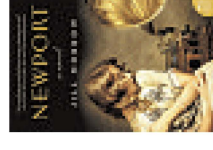
Just when you thought the "50 Shades of Grey" series was all tied up (excuse the pun), this new installment of the erotic series retells the first book from Christian Grey's perspective. I expect much of the content will be repetitive, especially since so much of the original book consists of scenes featuring only Christian and his sort of submissive/sort of girlfriend Anastasia Steele, but chances are if you made it through all three books, another trip down bondage lane won't faze you.



'Newport'

Jill Morrow, \$14.99

The best vacation I've ever been on mostly consisted of visiting the mansions-turned-museums (I know, nerd) in Newport, R.I., where the Vanderbilts built their summer "cottages" during the Gilded Age, so it's no surprise that a novel named after the exclusive seaside escape would catch my eye. Combine that luxurious, decadent setting with the glitz and glamour of the Roaring '20s and a little bit of romantic intrigue, and you've got all the ingredients for a historical drama dance party, Prohibition-era style.



Life's a beach

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If you're looking for light, quick reading that doesn't waste too many brain cells, you could do much worse.

as young adults, but it deals with dark themes in ways that are less "Hunger Games" or "Divergent" and more "Game of Thrones," not offering a watered-down, vague approach that might seem lacking or unreal to older audiences. A sequel was recently announced for next year.

up at an ungodly hour to watch Prince William and Kate Middleton's wedding ceremony, then this book should be right up your aisle, er, alley.

Lifestyles of the rich and the famous

Celeb-written or movie-inspired. —ED.



‘The Gold Standard: Rules to Rule By’

Ari Gold, \$24



Written in the fast-talking, hard-hitting and arrogant style of "Entourage's" Ari Gold, the powerful Hollywood agent portrayed by Jeremy Piven, "Standard" raises the standard for books spawned by TV shows or movies. At nearly 200 pages, this is no throwaway movie tie-in—there's some pretty great words of wisdom among the politically incorrect remarks, crass sexual humor and sly references to real-life celebrity headlines. If you're looking for a pep talk about how to be cutthroat in today's business world (or any other life situation, really), might as well get it from the best.

‘Modern Romance’

Aziz Ansari, \$28.95



Instead of writing a straight-out memoir/funny life advice guide like most comedians, Ansari takes the road less traveled and tackles the topic of love and romance in the 21st century. Though he uses anecdotes and real-life examples, Ansari explores the topic in a more sociological than personal way as he tries to deconstruct the unique state of romantic relationships in the age of texting and Tinder. Case in point: He teamed up with NYU sociologist Eric Klinenberg to conduct research and analyze data on modern dating habits for the book.

‘Gumption’

Nick Offerman, \$26.95



Steering slightly away from his largely autobiographical "Paddle Your Own Canoe," Offerman turns his focus to 21 historical figures who have inspired him in some way, including Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Willie Nelson—the list goes on, but really, you had me at Benjamin Franklin. It's a rare talent that can turn the Founding Fathers into comedic fodder, and one that speaks directly to my history buff heart.

JULY 29

‘Tim Palen: Photographs from The Hunger Games’

Tim Palen, \$75



This gorgeous-looking coffee table book features striking portraits of the franchise's characters taken by Tim Palen, an award-winning photographer who this week was promoted from senior marketing executive at Lionsgate to chief brand officer and president of worldwide marketing for the studio. Included among the portraits are ones of Katniss (Jennifer Lawrence) and Effie (Elizabeth Banks) in all her Capitol couture glory, as well as numerous never-before-seen images, according to Variety. What better way to mark the nearing end of the books-turned-movies than with another book?

SEPT. 15

‘Why Not Me?’

Mindy Kaling, \$25



Following 2012's "Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me?", Kaling will publish in September a collection of essays about adulthood, aka her "second coming-of-age."

According to the book's website, she will touch on a wide range of topics such as race, weight and love in her frank and funny style, including a promise to "spill some secrets" on her relationship with B.J. Novak, her "Office" co-star/ex(?)-boyfriend with whom she currently is writing another book.

What's cooking, good looking?

Can't have too many cookbooks in the kitchen. —A.M.

New Prairie Kitchen: Stories and Seasonal Recipes from Chefs, Farmers, and Artisans of the Great Plains

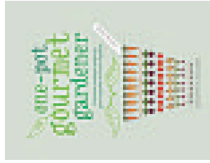
Summer Miller, \$29.99



"The heart of the cook and the soul of the farmer season the dish," writes Summer Miller in her intro to "New Prairie Kitchen," perfectly summing up the elegance of this book. Organized by season, the 52 recipes and 25 purveyor profiles tell a story of the Great Plains that brings new meaning to farm-to-table cuisine. Recipes like sweet-corn chowder with bacon and sweet-corn salsa and pappardelle with spicy heirloom tomato sauce will become kitchen staples as the book becomes a go-to resource to capture the flavor of each harvest.

The One-Pot Gourmet Gardener: Delicious container recipes to grow together and cook together

Cinead McTernan, \$26.99



We already know it's not too late to start your container garden (see our June 19 cover story), so why not save precious space in your urban jungle and design your plants around a specific dish? "One-Pot Gourmet Gardener" features a "grow me" guide that breaks down step-by-step instructions on sowing, planting and crop care, advice on how and when to harvest and tips on making use of the spare container room. "Eat me" follows each container guide with a single step-by-step recipe featuring dishes ranging from hummus three ways to salsa verde to lemon verbena, rose geranium and thyme posset.

Summer Cooking: Kitchen-tested recipes for Picnics, Patios, Grilling and more

Chicago Tribune staff, \$24.95



Whether you're looking for simple summer cocktails with your friends or trying to figure out what exactly to do with your farmers market haul, "Summer Cooking's" easy-to-follow recipes will keep you out of the kitchen (how is it already the end of June?) and get you back outdoors. An entire section devoted to easy-to-pack main dishes can finally make your picnic dream date a delicious reality, or at least make a CTA journey to a friend's backyard potluck more tolerable. Collected by the Chicago Tribune's Good Eating editors, the book features more than 100 recipes ideal for wherever the lake breeze takes you. Included: a red-white-and-blue potato salad that has an upcoming holiday written all over it.

JULY 7

Chinatown kitchen: From noodles to Nuoc Cham - Delicious Dishes from Southwest Asian Ingredients

Lizzie Mabbott, \$29.99



We all know you're not supposed to judge a book by its cover ... but when it's this colorful and bright, you have to turn the page to see what's behind it. Inside you'll find a whimsical blend of step-by-step illustrations, insanely beautiful food styling and photography, clean but playful typography and unexpected doodles that bring the visual awesomeness full circle. Mabbott guides readers through key ingredients of Southeast Asian food and covers basic explanations of condiments, veggies and fruit, rice and rice noodles and pickles on top of showcasing more than 100 recipes. Creations such as homemade sriracha or shrimp, asparagus and wild garlic potstickers leave you no reason to not try something new this summer.

SEPTEMBER 15

Grandbaby Cakes: Modern Recipes, Vintage Charm, Soulful Memories

Jocelyn Delk Adams, \$22.95



Drizzled with images of family history and dolloped with "grandbaby notes" to help you blend her recipes into your own, Chicagoan Jocelyn Delk Adams' first cookbook ignites a desire to start baking instantly. Recipes are visually classified into levels—novice, intermediate, advanced—and are filled with gorgeous photography and charming anecdotes that make you feel like you're in the kitchen with your best friend, who actually happens to know all the chemistry-related magic behind baking. Cakes such as the marble Texas sheet cake show her vintage Southern roots, while contemporary cakes such as red velvet with blackberry-cream cheese whipped frosting showcase modern flair.

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THREE PERSPECTIVES ON ONE RELATIONSHIP QUESTION

Welcome to "Threesome." Each week, we'll look at a dating question from the public and have three panelists give insights. Have a question to ask? Email redeye@redychicago.com.

My recent girlfriend of two months has a really close, straight male friend. They hang out all the time, and we don't see each other that much because of work. I recently found out that she sleeps in the same bed as him. Is it wrong of me to ask that she doesn't do it anymore?
—Question via Reddit



FRED

Host of "Fred and Angi in the Morning" on 103.5 KISS-FM
Single, straight, 34

Being in a committed relationship is a special thing, with very specific and sacred rights and privileges ... within that bond. Some of the more privileged activities include: shopping for bedroom furniture, being required to tell the other if they have a dangling booger and sleeping in the same bed.

There is really no reason why a member of the opposite sex should be that intimately close with your significant other, unless she or he is in the office of a medical professional and a legal procedure is being conducted. Otherwise, YES, that is questionable, you may and should ask that she knock it off.

And my viewpoint does not come from a place of conservatism, but rather, common sense. For a straight couple, only two things will happen in bed: sleep or sex ... and maybe eating. And if she is eating, that's gross. You should just dump her anyway.

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KERI WIGINTON

Photo editor and part-time advice giver at the Chicago Tribune
Married, straight, 33

I can't think of many people (and by that, I mean anyone) who would be OK with their new partner sleeping in the same bed with someone else. Speaking from experience, 99 percent of women's straight male friends want to sleep with them. So, even if nothing is happening during these slumber parties, you can pretty much assume this guy is interested in being more than just friends.

Snuggling releases oxytocin. Exposure to this cuddle hormone produces feelings of attachment and security. Your girlfriend might just feel comfortable with this guy and would rather spoon on her way to sleep instead of snoozing alone. But if it's bothering you, definitely explain your point of view.

As for your ability to ask her to stop, I'd have to know if there has been a DTR conversation. Does she KNOW she's your girlfriend? If she has agreed to be exclusive, then yes, you can tell her it makes you uncomfortable. If she's hiding these sleepovers from you, she may be keeping this guy in her back pocket until she knows things are stable between you two. @KERIPHOTO



AKEEM LAWANSON

Online producer and Snapchat aficionado at RedEye
In a relationship, straight, 29

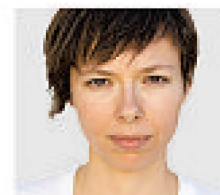
Absolutely not. As her significant other, you have every right to ask, even demand that she stop sleeping in bed with this fella. Before that, however, ask her what type of arrangement she's got going with this guy.

If her explanation isn't up to snuff and you still feel uncomfortable, tell her to end this 'bunk-in-the-trunk' situation she's got going with this guy. If she's the little spoon, you really have something to worry about.

You also can flip the script and invite one of your gal pals over to your place for a "slumber party." Pretty sure that sparrow won't fly with your girlfriend, so then she'll know how you feel.

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Quick and dirty sex advice: summer edition



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It's summer again! Probably. Hopefully? Stop being a giant penis-thumb, weather! Anyway, the solstice happened recently, which means two things: Your lesbian friends had a terrific time updating their lunar calendars, and it's time

for another rousing and arousing edition of *quick and dirty advice*. Buckle up, Stanley Cups, for some questions and answers.

Regarding your article from May 22, I too have a bad problem with rapid ejaculation, even while masturbating. What are your thoughts on cock rings? Do they help with the rapid-fire problem?

It's possible, but very little research has been done on this. Mostly what cock rings do is help men prolong erections, which is not at all the same thing as delaying ejaculations, even though both are fun to say. It might be worth a (money) shot, however, to try out one just for the sake of experimentation. Most are incredibly cheap, as far as sex toys go, and some are even tiny vibrators, which is the funnest thing you can do with a watch battery. (Except hold one up to your eye while squinting and pretending you are a junkyard version of The Terminator.) But it couldn't hurt to do as Beyonce says and "put a ring on it."

My boyfriend won't use a bullet vibrator on me during sex even though I can't orgasm without it. He says it makes him feel bad about himself. What can I say to change his mind?

A bullet, really? Come on, Boyfriend. I've seen laxatives that are bigger than bullets. How about: "What's worse—small and helpful sex aid that allows your girlfriend



to achieve orgasm, or YOU BEING TERRIBLE IN BED BECAUSE YOU'RE THREATENED BY A LAXATIVE?"

Is "I'm not sexually attracted to you" a cruel or honest thing to say when breaking up with someone?

It's both. The better question is, is it necessary to say that particular cruel and honest thing to a human being with whom you no longer want to have sex? What do you stand to lose by being kind?

What to do about a friend who keeps a running list of sexual conquests and then brags about it?

Stay off that list.

I'm in talks with a lady acquaintance about a friends-with-benefits arrangement, no strings and no emotions attached. Should I give it a whirl?

Whirl away, but let's be real about it. There's no such thing as "no emotions." There are always emotions, even if they aren't the life- or friendship-ruining kind. Feelings are like Nutella—you can pretend it's not there for a little while, but eventually, you're going to have to confront it. It might as well be with your face hole.

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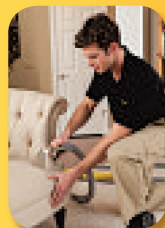
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A French taxi driver protests Thursday in the southern city of Marseille against the Uber service UberPOP, a popular app that is facing fierce opposition from traditional taxi drivers. **GETTY IMAGES**

Uber angry

French taxi drivers smashed up livery cars, set tires ablaze and blocked traffic across the country on Thursday in a nationwide strike aimed at Uber after weeks of rising, sometimes violent tensions over the U.S. ride-hailing company. Taxi drivers are angry, saying Uber's lowest-cost service is taking their livelihood away. Despite repeated rulings against the low-cost UberPop service, its drivers continue to ply French roads, and the American ride-hailing company is actively recruiting drivers and passengers alike. Uber claims to have a total of 400,000 customers a month in France. **AP**

Obamacare 'is here to stay'

The Supreme Court on Thursday upheld the nationwide tax subsidies underpinning President Obama's health care overhaul, rejecting a major challenge to the landmark law in a ruling that preserves health insurance for millions of Americans. The justices said in a 6-3 ruling that the subsidies that 8.7 million people currently receive to make insurance affordable do not depend on where they live, as opponents contended. Obama greeted news of the decision by declaring the health care law "is here to stay." **TRIBUNE**

THE QUOTES

"We should start calling this law SCOTUS-care ..."

"The Court's next bit of interpretive jiggery-pokery involves other parts of the Act ..."

—Excerpts from Justice Antonin Scalia's minority opinion on Thursday's Supreme Court decision on the Affordable Care Act.

He also referred to the majority's reasoning as "pure applesauce."

WASHINGTON POST



THE DIGIT

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That's how much an electric road sign that says "DRINK MORE BEER" sold for this week. The Bay City Times reports auction company **1Bid.us** has had the sign on its property in Frankenlust Township, Mich., for about a week. Company co-owner Curtis Pennell says the sign's previous owner had programmed it, and around 100 people wanted to take a picture beside the sign. He also says a few people called to complain about the sign's message. **AP**

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Elena Villareal (right) unfurls her house divided flag outside of Wrigley Field before a game between the Cubs and the White Sox.
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LOVE ME, LOVE MY BASEBALL TEAM?



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As so often seems to be the case, it's easier for guys.

My father is a White Sox fan because his father is a White Sox fan because his father was a White Sox fan. My brothers are White Sox fans, as they will be for the rest of their lives, unless this Robin Ventura-

"managed" train wreck convinces them to swear off baseball for life.

I'm a White Sox fan, but in less than a year, I am marrying a Cubs fan. And not a Cubs fan the way I am a Sox fan (mostly in name,

with little emotional investment), but a true hang the "W" flag in the window, skip class to go to Opening Day in the freezing cold, "This is the year" believer bleacher bum.

So I have a choice to make—or do I?

My family has a history of converting. Not religions, but for how seriously both sides of my family take their sports teams, it might as well be.

My paternal grandmother's father was a Cubs fan, so that's what she was—until she married a Sox fan. My maternal grandmother, on the other hand, was South Side Irish Catholic through and through, which meant she was a Sox fan—until she married a Cubs fan. And my mom was raised in a household of die-hard Cubs loyalists before my dad took her to Comiskey Park on their first date.

So clearly the precedent has been set for

me, on both sides of the family, and in both directions—Cubs to Sox and Sox to Cubs.

To complicate things further, we moved to Missouri when I was 12, and sometime in high school, after a few years of watching Cardinals games in friends' basements, I adopted St. Louis as my second team. So then I had two reasons to root against the Cubs. And wouldn't you know it, I started dating a Cubs fan.

In the beginning, my Cardinals-Sox fandom was sort of a fun twist in our relationship (especially for me when the Cardinals won the World Series in 2011). We'd quibble over the greatness of David Freese, and his family would give me a hard time. Still, he "couldn't wait" to take me to Wrigley Field to experience it with him and bought me Cubs gear in hopes I would wear it. In the four

years that I've known him, I've been to more Cubs games than all my previous White Sox and Cardinals outings combined.

As a kid, I swore I'd never convert from the Sox, not because I loved them so much but because I didn't want to be "that girl." But soon I'm marrying a man who lives and breathes the Cubs. I'll be spending the rest of my baseball life mostly in Wrigley. And my fiancé, bless his baseball purist—and romantic—heart, says he hopes I'll be a North Side fan when they win the World Series so he can share it with me.

So, do I let go of my upbringing and my feminist inclinations and convert? I still have time to decide.

Worst-case scenario, we'll be hopeless Notre Dame fans together forever.

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LOVE-Y

Evan Moore might be the only one who thinks Kevin Love should come to Chicago. But would that really be so bad?



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1	If Teuvo Teravainen thinks female hockey fans are horny, what else is he bound to learn soon?	That male hockey fans masturbate. Often.	What he already learned after Game 6. And I don't want to know what that is.	Winning two Stanley Cups in a row is a lot harder the second time around.	He's 20, he thinks with his, um, "stick." What else is he going to focus on?	That Ryan Salzwedel is just as horny and sends way more selfies.
2	How can you tell when the Bulls are happy with a draft pick?	They'll usually have a deadpan disposition. Like most times.	When they actually keep the pick.	When aren't they happy? We're still being sold on Marquis Teague. Meanwhile in Golden State, "Hey, Draymond!"	They make it official by putting him on the refrigerator magnet/schedule/used car dealership ad.	They let Taylor Swift write a song about falling out of love with D-Rose.
3	What would it say on your goodbye sign for Bryan Bickell or Patrick Sharp?	"Felicia." Now let's never speak of that saying again.	"Sorry, guys. You two are high maintenance. You gots to go."	"We gave you three Cups, now bring us something good in return."	"Thank you," and "Workbench, Sundays at 11 on WGN!" OK, where can I hold this sign up at?	"Bickell, you weren't worth your millions. Sharp, so many new teammates' wives for you to steal!"
4	Catching a foul ball with a baby in your arms: bad call or great parenting?	Babies make a great catcher's mitt. I say great parenting!	Both. It teaches a baby to think on the fly. However, why does a baby need to think on the fly?	I'm still trying to get over a newborn being at the game and that close to action. ADoing2Much	This guy is a legend. Sleeping on the couch for a few days is going to be so worth it.	Babies are a dime a dozen. ALWAYS go for the foul ball!
5	Where's Kevin Love's next stop if he leaves Cleveland?	Cameroon. Don't ask, just accept it.	Chicago. Kick the tires. Put out feelers.	That place called "Used To." He used to be great. He used to matter, he used to ... oh well, you get it.	Adult contemporary DJ in Fresno, Calif. "This is Kevin Love, playing all the smooth hits from the '70s, '80s and '90s."	Next stop: Akeem Lawanson's place to watch "Golden Girls" reruns and eat stale waffles. Weird, right?

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Colombia's Angela Clavijo (left) and the USA's Lauren Holiday vie for the ball during a Women's World Cup match Monday in Edmonton, Canada. Holiday will not play in Friday's quarterfinal. GETTY IMAGES

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This weekend's must-see events in sports

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP QUARTERFINAL

U.S. vs. China | 6:30 p.m. Friday, Fox

If this match were played about 15 years ago, it easily could have been a World Cup final. But China's not the soccer power it once was, so the Americans should find a way into the semifinals even without midfielders Megan Rapinoe and Lauren Holiday. And you likely won't be disappointed if you watch Friday's other quarterfinal (3 p.m., Fox): Germany (ranked No. 1 in the world) against France (No. 3).

CUBS AT ST. LOUIS

7:15 p.m. Friday, ABC | 6:15 p.m. Saturday, Fox | 7:05 p.m. Sunday, ESPN

Although the Cubs can't catch the first-place Cardinals this weekend, they can start to reel them in and build a ton of confidence in the process. Plus, Cubs fans have more trash talk ammunition thanks to St. Louis' hacking scandal.

ALSO ON TAP

» Sky at Indiana

6 p.m. Friday, WCIU2

» White Sox at Detroit

6:08 p.m. Friday, CSN | 3:08 p.m. Saturday, CSN | 12:08 p.m. Sunday, WGN

» NHL draft (Blackhawks have picks Nos. 54, 91, 121, 151, 164, 181 and 211)

Round 1, 6 p.m. Friday, NBCSN | Rounds 2-7, 9 a.m. Saturday, NHL Network

Note: The Hawks don't have a pick until late in the second round in part because they traded their first-round choice to Arizona for Antoine Vermette. On the bright side, he was fantastic in the Stanley Cup playoffs.



THE MOUTHWATCH

I think you should get a bunch of nerds
back there who know how to look at a
videotape, and then come to a conclusion."

—Cubs manager **Joe Maddon**, calling for an independent group to oversee replay in Major League Baseball as opposed to umpires. His comments sprang from a controversial call at the end of the Cubs' loss to the L.A. Dodgers on Wednesday.

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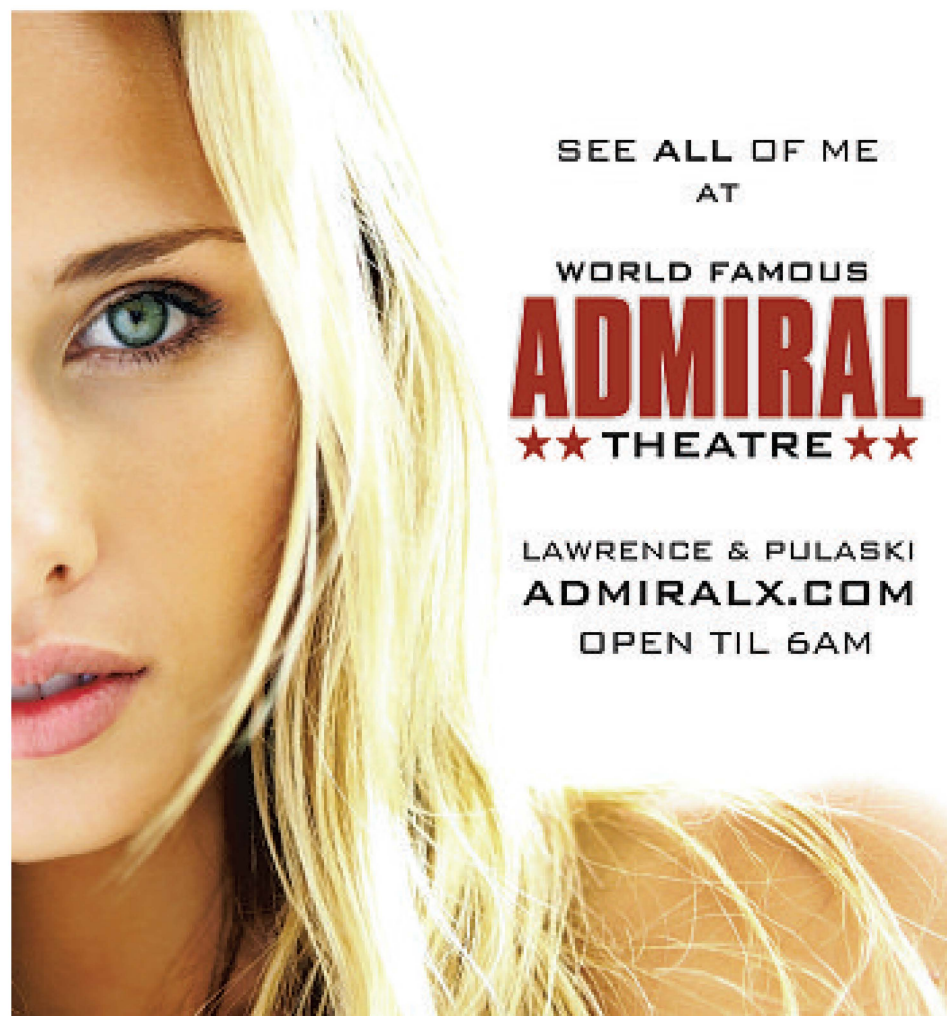


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true acceptance

A Chicago transgender couple's love story



By Leonor Vivanco | REDEYE

Precious Davis knew what it felt like to be rejected and abandoned. She never felt truly loved until she met Myles Brady. As a transgender woman who grew up in Nebraska before moving to Chicago, Davis, 29, thought she was going to be lonely for the rest of her life. She thought she was unlovable. But that changed after she crossed paths with Brady, 33, in 2013 at Lakeview's Center on Halsted, an LGBT community center.

"It wasn't until I met Myles that someone would love every part of me, my body, my soul, my spirit, the things that I stand for, my outlook on the world, how I wake up in the morning with no makeup and my hair matted on one side," she said. "That's how you know you've found the right person."

Brady, who identifies as transmasculine, only had superficial relationships stifled by

trust and honesty issues until he dated Davis. It typically took Brady years to feel comfortable enough to disclose his background. It was different with Davis.

"This, I feel, is the first real relationship where I've given myself to somebody and have been able to express and tell them everything as well," he said.

The world got a peek at the love story of

the engaged transgender Hyde Park couple this week—just days before Sunday's Chicago Pride Parade—in Miley Cyrus' #InstaPride social media campaign, celebrating transgender and gender expansive individuals.

The high-profile transition of Caitlyn Jenner and a number of TV shows starring transgender individuals have put a new spotlight on the community, which numbers about 700,000 adults nationwide, according to a 2011 population analysis by The Williams Institute, a think tank at UCLA's School of Law.

Both Brady, transgender outreach coordinator at the Howard Brown Health Center in Uptown, and Davis, the assistant director of diversity recruitment initiatives at Columbia College Chicago, had to overcome their own obstacles to find happiness.

Brady, who grew up in Chicago, said he

started his transition when he was born. With supportive parents, he began dressing masculine at a young age, although there were times, such as when he went to church, that he would wear a dress instead of a suit and tie.

He had lived "stealth" for the majority of his life, meaning nobody knew he was transgender and people assumed he was assigned male at birth. After witnessing the mistreatment of transgender individuals when he worked as an emergency medical technician in Arkansas, he didn't openly come out as transgender until years later because of the fear of discrimination, ridicule or violence.

"I felt like when I was stealth, I was almost living under the witness protection program because I have this past and this background I can't share with anyone for fear of something happening to me," he said. "Every relation-

ship I had, including the romantic relationships, had to be superficial because who could I trust, who could I tell?"

When he met Davis, he told her everything.

"The moment I saw Precious, she instantly took my breath away," he said. "I saw my entire future flash before my eyes. I never wanted kids but the first second I saw her, I was like 'I want kids.' I want my daughters to have her face. I want to carry her baby, everything. I was in love."

However, Davis didn't know what a healthy, thriving relationship looked like. She had been given up by her mother, raised by her grandparents, and eventually kicked out by her grandmother.

Davis recalled telling her grandmother at age 4 that she was a girl and walking around the house in her sister's high heels. In high school, she found her place in theater and went to cast parties wearing lipstick and heels. In college, she performed in drag – her first song was "I'm Every Woman" – and liked people viewing her as a woman. She tried to fight the idea of transitioning and fell into a deep depression, self-medicating with drugs and alcohol.

It wasn't until three years ago that she decided to begin her transition.

Brady pursued Davis for a year, sending her flowers and writing her poems until they officially became a couple last June.

He finally won her over at a dinner with her friends.

"In comes Myles at dinner and he whispered all these sweet nothings in my ear. He's like, 'You're the most beautiful woman I've ever seen. I don't want to be with anyone else but you,'" Davis said.

"It was the most beautiful thing that I had ever heard from any man in my life," she said. "It was honest. It was authentic and my heart just melted. In that moment, it felt like I had made a date with destiny and it was meant to be."

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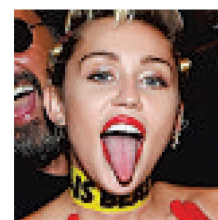
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When Myles Brady's fiancée told him that Miley Cyrus reached out to her on Twitter to be part of a social media campaign highlighting the transgender community, the Hyde Park resident thought they were being punked.

But it wasn't a joke.

Brady, 33, who identifies as transmasculine, and his fiancée Precious Davis, 29, who identifies as transfemale, caught the pop star's eye.

The transgender couple's portrait was featured this week in Cyrus' Happy Hippie Foundation #InstaPride campaign to raise awareness of the LGBTQ community and the injustices they face.



Miley Cyrus

Cyrus shared on both her personal and her foundation's Instagram accounts how the couple caught her eye: "As a transgender couple, they speak out to-

gether to bring attention to the issues affecting the transgender community, especially transgender people of color."

Among the issues facing the transgender community are harassment, discrimination, violence and higher rates of attempted suicide.

"Me and one of the other people, Leo, were talking about when we were younger we never thought that just being our true, authentic selves opportunities like this would come our way. Because usually you don't hear about that, you hear about the sad stories," Brady said.

"It'll definitely raise awareness of what's going on within the trans community and what's going on within the homeless LGBT community," he said.

Cyrus' campaign creates visibility for the transgender community, which can be a catalyst for change, Davis said.

"It shatters the stigma of being transgender, and it says we are out, we are proud, and we are resilient," Davis said. "It creates this continuum for young people to look to and say those 14 individuals are living out and proud, living their dreams and transgender is not something that inhibits you from achieving your dreams and goals. You can be anything you want in this life."

Experts: Trans people need safety, support

By Megan Crepeau | REDEYE

A cultural conversation about transgender issues recently has rocketed into the mainstream, thanks to high-profile transgender celebrities such as Caitlyn Jenner and Laverne Cox. But policy, public safety and governmental bodies have a lot of catching up to do, activists say.

"We're definitely in a period where there's more conversation about transgender issues than ever before," said Owen Daniel-McCarter, an attorney who identifies as transgender. Daniel-McCarter is the policy and advocacy director at the Illinois Safe Schools Alliance and a co-founder of the Transformative Justice Law Project of Illinois. "[But] we do see trans folks who are overwhelmingly living in poverty, we see an overrepresentation of trans people in the criminal legal system, overrepresentation of trans folks in all aspects of society that are marginalized."

There is relatively little research available on the transgender population nationwide, let alone specific to Chicago. But the statistics that are available show that transgender people are particularly vulnerable to crime, homelessness and suicide.

"There is a lot of discrimination there," said Norman White, a hate crime victim advocate with the city of Chicago. "It comes from a lack of understanding. ... Most people would probably say, 'I don't know anyone who's trans,' or 'I haven't really dealt with it.'"

According to the National Transgender Discrimination Survey, transgender people are homeless at nearly twice the rate of the general population. About two in five respondents reported attempting suicide, compared with just 1.6 percent of the general population. More than a quarter of survey respondents reported being physically assaulted due to their gender identity, and 10 percent said they had been sexually assaulted because they were transgender or gender-nonconforming.

Violence motivated by anti-transgender bias certainly would qualify as a hate crime, according to White. But there is no local data on anti-transgender violence, as far as he knows, and the city doesn't have a specific

administrative category for anti-transgender hate crimes like it does for hate crimes against gay, lesbian, bisexual and heterosexual people.

"We're working with the police department to see if we can add that category," White said. "Society is changing and moving forward." The Chicago Police Department did not respond to requests about its policy on transgender victims of crime.

Overall, the existing social structure isn't really built to be trans-friendly, said Center on Halsted spokesman Peter Johnson: The stigma about coming out as transgender means people are reluctant to become more visible, and a lack of visibility leads to a lack of research and advocacy of transgender issues—which only reinforces the stigma, he said.

"When you're discriminated against, and consistently discriminated against, you're in a state of having to hide who you are and be defensive and put up guards to protect yourself," Johnson said.

A pattern of bad experiences with law enforcement means that trans people are sometimes distrustful of police and the legal system, Daniel-McCarter said.

"There's real trauma there with contact with the legal system," he said. "You might not even try to file a complaint if you were harassed or discriminated against illegally."

That puts the burden on the city to reach out, White said.

"We represent all communities, but we feel the transgender community is a community that we really need to reach out to," White said. "They're there, but you don't really hear from them. They're not visible in the way other communities are visible."

And increasing visibility is the first step to greater justice, Johnson said.

"That takes time. We've seen this not just with the LGBT community, we've seen this in regards to racial equality, gender equality," he said. "You need advocates and you need people to stand up on your behalf and say, 'This is important.'"

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How much: Free

The skinny: More than 700,000 people gather for the 3-mile parade with floats, flags, queens in drag and everything in between. Historically held during the last weekend of June to commemorate the Stonewall riots, this year marks to the day the 46th anniversary of the 1969 demonstrations against police raids of the New York City gay bar Stonewall Inn, a catalyst for the gay rights movement. Check out more Pride Parade weekend events and parties in our guide (Pages 26-30).

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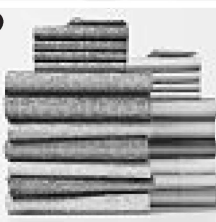
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When: 5:30-11 p.m. Saturday

Where: UIC Festival Lot, Morgan Street between Taylor Street and Roosevelt Road

How much: \$40 in advance, \$45 at gate. Tickets: worldslargestblockparty.com

The skinny: While the legendary summer blowout has moved to a new venue and been cut to one day, the lineup, including Young the Giant (9:30 p.m.), Neon Trees (7:45 p.m.) and 7th Heaven (5:45 p.m.), is still rocking. Festgoers also can purchase raffle tickets (\$20 for five) for a chance to win prizes such as round-trip airfare to Ireland, \$100 restaurant gift certificates and tickets to a home game at Wrigley Field in the owner's seats, in the third row behind the Cubs' on-deck circle.

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When: Noon-3 p.m. and 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Where: Goose Island Barrel Warehouse (605 N. Sacramento Blvd.)

How much: \$75 for each three-hour tasting session. Tickets: dogdayzofsummer.com

The skinny: Hot diggity, **Doug Sohn of Hot Doug's**, which shuttered in October, is back for two days only, and festgoers can fill up on all-you-can-eat duck fat fries and sausage creations ranging from spicy andouille and jerk pork to baked ham and spicy Thai chicken (veggie dogs, too!). Goose Island Beer Company serves up a variety of brews, including a few from the Bourbon County stout series. Catch sausage panel discussions and rock and country tunes at each session.



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ELSTON AVENUE SAUSAGE & MUSIC FEST

When: Noon-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Where: 3800 N. Elston Ave.

How much: \$5 suggested donation

The skinny: Making its debut this year, the literal sausage fest in Avondale features encased meats from Frontier, Paulina Market and others. The folks who do the booking for Abbey Pub, located inside the festival, curated the music, with bands such as headliner Heartless Bastards (9 p.m.) and rock-and-soul group Yoko and the Oh No's (4 p.m.) on Saturday, and folk-punk Andrew Jackson Jihad (9 p.m.) and psychedelic groove band Bullfights on Acid (5:15 p.m.) on Sunday.

FEST SURVIVAL TIP 7

Not to be a buzzkill, but if you're going to the Pride Parade this weekend, **leave the open alcohol containers at home.** Security has been heightened this year to crack down on public drinking. Parades are meant to end in celebratory shots and kikis with friends, not in jail, which might leave you feeling the furthest thing from proud. Pregame a bit at home and save the boozing for the legal establishments afterward. Pro tip: This is a good rule to keep you out of trouble at all outdoor events.

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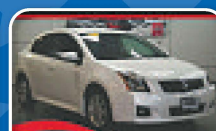
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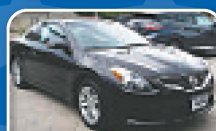
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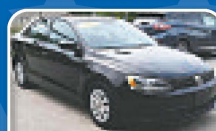
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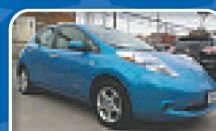
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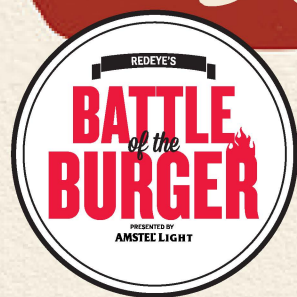
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BACK LOT BASH

When: 5-10 p.m. Friday and 4-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Where: 5238 N. Clark St.

How much: Friday: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the gate. Saturday and Sunday: \$20 at the gate. (Single-day tickets for Saturday and Sunday are not available online, but three-day general admission passes can be purchased for \$40 at backlotbashchicago.com.)

The skinny: This female-focused Andersonville fest celebrates Pride through music featuring folk artist Natalia Zukerman (8 p.m. Friday), local pop group Catfight (8 p.m. Saturday) and DJ sets Sunday (also Pride Parade day), including special guest Ruby Rose from "Orange is the New Black" (6 p.m.).

LOGAN SQUARE ARTS FESTIVAL

When: 5-10 p.m. Friday and noon-10 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Where: Illinois Centennial Monument at Milwaukee and Kedzie avenues and Logan Boulevard, plus nearby businesses

How much: \$5 suggested donation

The skinny: Stroll through local restaurants and galleries where artists showcase their work at this art crawl. More than 30 musical acts, including Oshwa (7:30 p.m. Friday, Main Stage), On An On (9 p.m. Saturday, Main Stage) and Helado Negro (9 p.m. Sunday, Main Stage), provide the soundtrack, and food and drink—including beer from Goose Island Beer Company and cocktails from The Whistler—will be available for purchase. Formerly the Milwaukee Avenue Arts Festival, this year's fest has a new name and takes place under the familiar Logan Square monument, toward which a portion of festival donations will go for its restoration.

MARIACHI AND FOLKLORICO FESTIVAL

When: 3 p.m. Sunday

Where: Jay Pritzker Pavilion

How much: Free

The skinny: Pack a picnic and head to Millennium Park for this new Mexican folk music and dance fest presented by the National Museum of Mexican Art and Mariachi Heritage Foundation. Music ensembles include Mariachi Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez from Los Angeles (5:40 p.m.), the University of Texas Pan American's Mariachi Aztlan (4:25 p.m.) and Chicago's Mariachi Monumental de Mexico (3:45 p.m.). Also catch four dance companies including the Academy of Mexican Dance and Music (4:10 p.m.).



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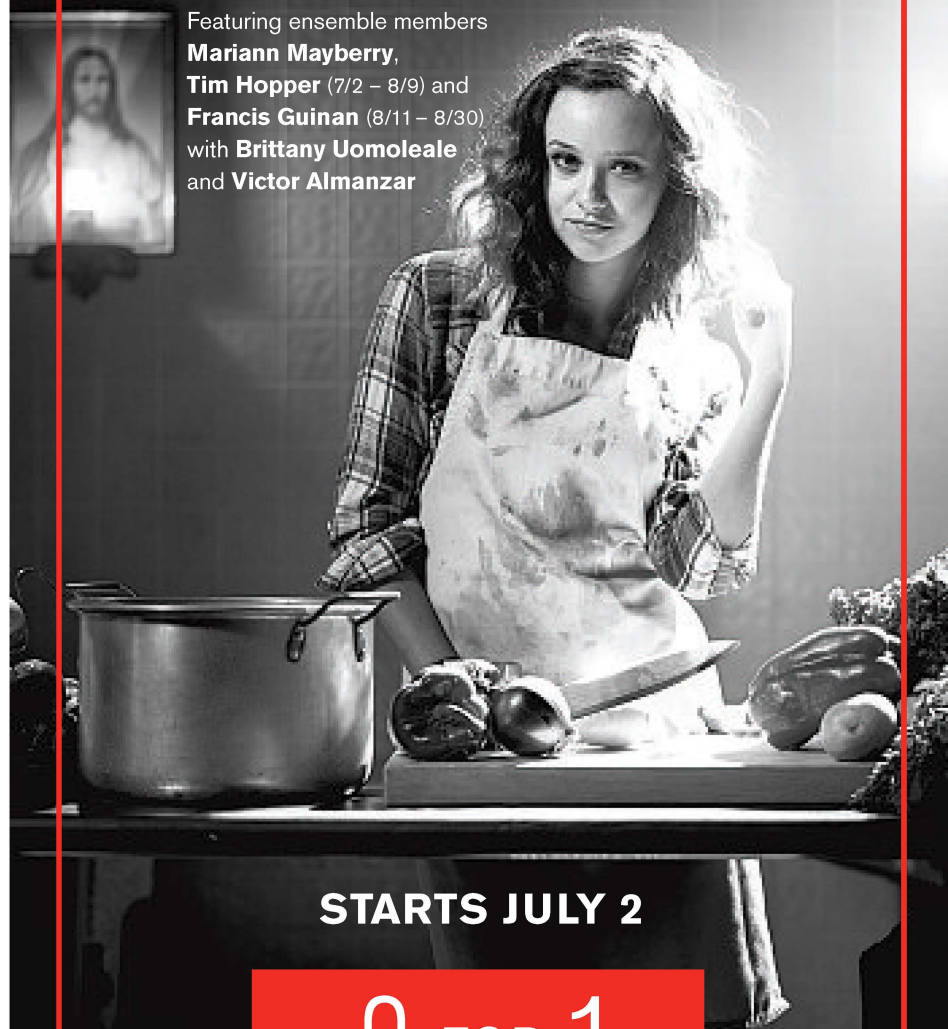
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9 Pride Parade weekend parties

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It's Pride Fest weekend deux, with the parade on Sunday and Back Lot Bash in Andersonville kicking off Thursday. It's a time when the crowds are plentiful and the clothing is scarce on North Halsted Street for the LGBT weekend—boas, beads and platform shoes welcome. The parade steps off at noon from Broadway and Montrose Avenue and snakes through Lakeview about 3 miles ending at Broadway and Sheridan Road (Route: Broadway between Montrose Avenue and Grace Street, Halsted Street between Grace Street and Belmont Avenue, Belmont Avenue between Halsted Street and Broadway, Broadway between Belmont Avenue and Diversey Parkway, Diversey Parkway between Broadway and Sheridan Road). Whether it's day-drinking poolside or boogieing down after running a 5K, there's no shortage of dancing this Pride-packed weekend. Here are nine events to get your pride on all weekend long.

Froot Salad

When: 3 p.m. Sunday
Where: The Annoyance Theatre & Bar (851 W. Belmont Ave. 773-697-9693)
How much: \$10. RSVP for reduced cover: rainbow.do312.com/pride
The organizers of popular queer parties Fabitat, Plastic Factory, Total Therapy, LQQKS and The Lesbifriends Cartel come together to present a Pride blowout after-parade party with DJs, drag performances and art installations. Seven DJs including Teen Witch Fan Club and Unicorn Florida spin the dance tunes, while drag performances hosted by Lucy Stoolie take place in the theater. Drink specials include \$2 PBRs and \$5 vodka cocktails.



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Chicago Dyke March

When: 1:30 p.m. gather, 2:30 p.m. march. Saturday.
Where: Starting at the southwest corner of Western Avenue and Division Street, ending in Humboldt Park at California and Division Street.
How much: Free
The LGBT Chicago Dyke March Collective hosts its 20th march, holding the event in Humboldt Park for the second time. The rally down Division Street ends at California Avenue in the park with performances by Cuban hip-hop group Krudas Cubensi, burlesque troupe The Femme FATAles and vogue dancing crew House of Ninja.

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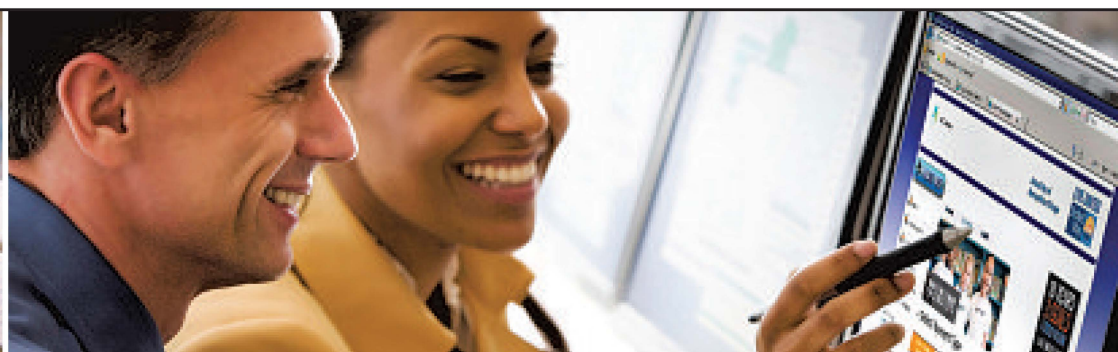
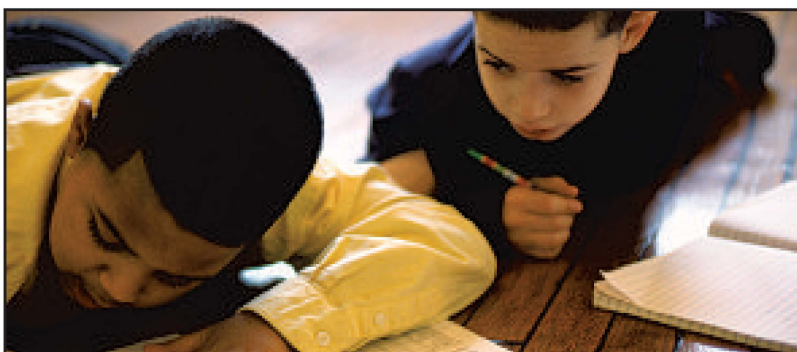
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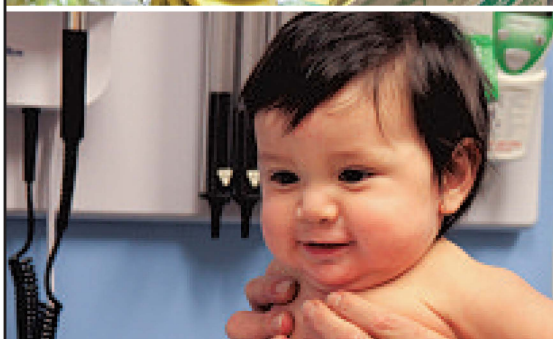
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Neverland Pride

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Pool Party

When: Noon-7 p.m. Saturday
Where: [Deuce's and the Diamond Club](#) (3505 N. Clark St. 773-644-5554)
How much: \$40. Tickets: neverlandchicago.com

Take a dip in the pool while L.A.-based DJ Joshua D and local Alexis-R spin the beats at the first of the three Neverland Pride events.



Mattel

"RuPaul's Drag Race," Trixie Mattel. Mexico DJ Alex Acosta and Los Angeles' DJ Alexander provide the soundtrack, and don't miss a showgirl performance by Sasha Colby.

Bougie Ball

When: 11 p.m.-5 a.m. Saturday
Where: Metro (3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-4140)
How much: \$39 in advance, \$50 at the door. Tickets: metrochicago.com
Get down with the go-go dancers in giant golden cages under LED lights at the Neverland main dance party hosted by Kim Chi, Shea Coulee and, from

Chicago Pride Closing Party

When: 11 p.m.-4 a.m. Sunday
Where: The Mid (306 N. Halsted St. 312-265-3990)
How much: \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door. Tickets: neverlandchicago.com
Puerto Rico's QueenBee Ho' hosts the closeout dance party with beats by Barcelona DJ Ivan Gomez.

Ivy Levan at Roscoe's

When: 11 p.m. Saturday
Where: [Roscoe's Tavern](#) (3356 N. Halsted St. 773-281-3355)
How much: \$10
The L.A. pop singer performs on the Boystown bar's dance stage, including her hit single "Biscuit." Drink specials include \$15 pitchers of vodka lemonade and Blue Hawaiian cocktails, \$5 shots of Jack Daniel's Tennessee Honey bourbon and \$5 Skyy vodka bombs.

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Sunset Concert**

When: 5 p.m. Friday
Where: Andersonville (5238 N. Clark St.)
How much: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the gate
Catch performances by bluesy Kristy Lee & Dirt Road Revival (9 p.m.), folk artist Natalia Zukerman (8 p.m.), alt-pop singer Daphne Willis (7 p.m.) and local solo artist Jess Godwin (6 p.m.) at the annual lesbian-centric music fest.



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**Pride Lakefront
Party & Run**

When: 6-10 p.m. Thursday
Where: 2400 N. Lake Shore Drive
How much: \$50 (free after-party for non-runners). Register: starevents.com/events/pride-5k
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Hypocrisy, thy name is Seth MacFarlane.

In "Ted 2," the director/co-writer/gifted impressionist wants to laugh when the bullies beat up the nerds, then celebrate when the nerds fight back. He courts the sweet innocence of a romantic comedy and embraces vulgarity like John (Mark Wahl-

berg, appealing) flailing around on the floor of a sperm bank, covered in, uh, fluids, in a scene that already reeked of desperation in the little-seen "The Babymakers." He suggests that John, a die-hard Patriots fan, openly wants to pleasure Tom Brady, while also depicting both John and his living teddy bear best pal Ted (voiced by MacFarlane) as too homophobic to use a penis-shaped bong. When Ted—on trial to prove that he's a person, not property, so he legally can marry Tami-Lynn (Jessica Barth) and adopt a child—declares that he's being subjected to the same oppression as the gay community, he uses the three-letter F-word and "homo," so as not to seem like he's actually supporting tolerance.

For the record, these contradictions are not used to make a point. "Ted 2," the sequel to the highest-grossing original R-rated comedy of all time (!), constantly bounces between rotten and fresh, resulting in a

tomato that's always resetting its own five-second rule on a dirty floor. This is a movie in which Liam Neeson (also briefly seen in "Entourage," as were Wahlberg and Brady) amusingly questions if Trix being only for kids is enforced by law, and also one in which the heroes cruelly throw apples at joggers because apparently nothing's funnier than injuring people who exercise. MacFarlane ("Family Guy") flirts with considerations of civil rights but really just wants to take aim at easy targets like the Kardashians and Justin Bieber. Though, Ted's description of Steven Tyler is pretty fantastic.

Stepping in for Mila Kunis (John and Lori got divorced, if you care), Amanda Seyfried's enjoyably easygoing as Samantha, a rookie lawyer working Ted's case who earns her clients' trust once she pulls out a bong. For "Ted 2," which uses a vast field of marijuana to reference the majesty of "Jurassic Park," weed flows like water, the better to digest what's actually a relatively low number (for MacFarlane) of non sequiturs, such as a gag about Jay Leno (as himself) using a bar bathroom for gay sex. Huh?

At least "Ted 2," packed with pop culture references and shameless Hasbro product placement, is funny, sometimes—something you couldn't say about "A Million Ways to Die in the West." But the movie, which weakly reuses the original's villain (Giovanni Ribisi), ends on a sour note, reinforcing the problem when a comedy's jokes are both its best and worst attribute.



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Unusual, entertaining way to test boundaries

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So as not to bury the lede, the entertaining, talkable “The Overnight” does indeed feature Adam Scott and Jason Schwartzman dancing naked, swinging prosthetic genitalia of considerably varying size.

But the extremes involved in this study of sexuality in long-term relationships don’t mostly feel like groan-inducing inevitabilities for a story about two couples going from strangers to something a lot closer than that in the course of a night. Though I’m not convinced that Alex (Scott) and Emily (Taylor Schilling) are so desperate for new friends that they’d go along with everything Kurt (Schwartzman) and Charlotte (Judith Godreche) suggest, all the leads are strong, and there’s traction in the concept of adults’ difficulty to establish new bonds. With Alex and Emily new to L.A. from Seattle, Scott

certainly sells their naivete, even as the night becomes an intriguing comedy of escalation, noting, “Maybe this is what California dinner parties are like,” and kind of wanting to believe it. Schwartzman again proves himself a deft comic force, toeing the line between charming and obnoxious (he unironically pronounces “France” as “Fronce,” which is not excused by having a French wife).

The 74-minute movie is a bit of a straight line, focused tightly on testing boundaries and where lines will be drawn, or if they will be at all. When so many of my notes taken about the movie are things like “butthole art,” “sewage water” and “breast pump DVD,” you could argue that the movie’s details veer away from grounding comedy in the otherwise solid sense of character on display. Yet writer-director Patrick Brice (“Creep”), suggesting that what is and isn’t [bleeped] up about a night and a relationship are subjective, has a good sense of how appealing an unconventional release can be when enough



★★★★★
THE OVERNIGHT
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Adam Scott and Taylor Schilling in ‘The Overnight’

anxiety/tension has accumulated. Expanded from a review originally published during the 2015 Sundance Film Festival. There will be Q&A sessions with Adam Scott after

the 7:10 and 9:30 p.m. shows Friday at Landmark’s Century Centre Cinema (2828 N. Clark St.), and after the 6:45 and 9 p.m. shows Saturday at AMC River East (322 E. Illinois St.).

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On the list of topics to easily include in appealing stories about growing up, mental health isn't high on the list.

Focus too tightly on what's happening and

why and risk no one describing the movie as fun. (God forbid.) Get too far away from the subject, on the other hand, and chance feeling detached from what may be the most important detail of the story.

"Infinitely Polar Bear" exemplifies the latter situation, depicting personal details from a challenging family dynamic without making much effort to process it. It's 1978, nine years since Cameron (Mark Ruffalo) was diagnosed as a manic depressive. His wife Maggie (Zoe Saldana) would prefer to take care of their two young daughters but, considering the family has no money and Cameron isn't stable enough to hold a job, she enters an 18-month MBA program at Columbia University, leaving behind her struggling husband

to watch the kids in Boston.

Writer and first-time director Maya Forbes ("The Rocker") gives "Infinitely Polar Bear" some vivid, unique memories to bring this autobiographical tale out from her head and onto the screen. (The same couldn't be said for the astonishingly boring "Low Down," which you didn't see and I'm glad about that.) But the movie is way too close to zany, lacking a point of view—this isn't the story through the kids' eyes or from the adults' perspective, and that's a problem—and lingering at a distance from the primary issue at hand. "Silver Linings Playbook" sometimes had this problem but wasn't afraid to recognize the scary unpredictability that can come with mental illness. Outside of an early scene that prompts Cameron's hospitalization, "Polar Bear" repetitively showcases the girls' embarrassment with their father's social miscues in a nonspecific way as it stems from what he's going through. He's painted mostly as an eccentric, which hampers the usually reliable Ruffalo and makes the movie feel softened.



Mark Ruffalo in 'Infinitely Polar Bear'

When the girls don't want to lie about where they live for the benefit of a better school district, or when they place anti-smoking signs around their dumpy apartment to get Dad's attention, this dramedy (an awful word, I know) rings true. Same with the discussion of gender roles of the era.

(When Maggie describes her career plan, Cameron's dad asks, "Is this something to do with feminism?") Yet too often—such as when a kid asks, "Is that a machete?" and Cameron yells, "Big deal if it is!"—the light-hearted tone of "Infinitely Polar Bear" seems like it's smiling to keep from crying.



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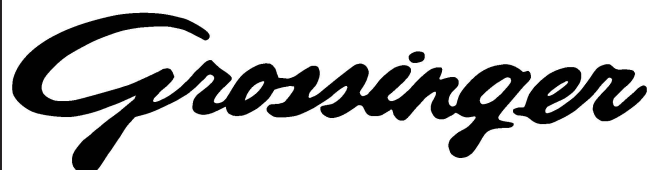
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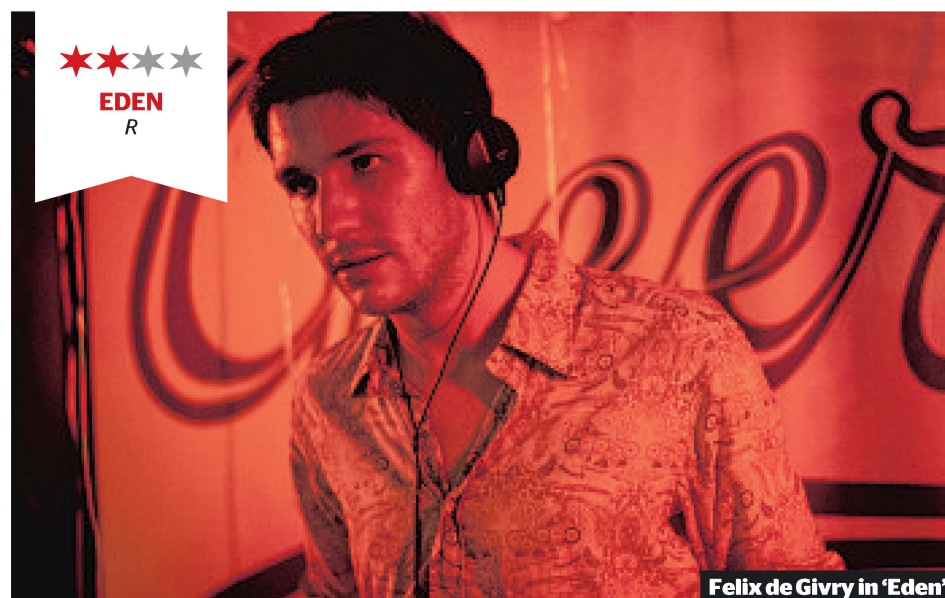


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A movie about dance music that doesn't seem to care or know much about it, "Eden" takes 95 minutes (of its 131-minute running time) before peeking in on the creative process, and even then it's brief and unsatisfying. Stretching from 1992 to late 2013, this disappointing effort from French director/co-writer Mia Hansen-Love ("Goodbye First Love") stars Felix de Givry as Paul, an aspiring DJ and major cocaine fan who appears to have missed the memo about the need to hustle and work to make it in a creative field. Girlfriends come and go; money rarely arrives. Yet Paul and Stan (Hugh Conzelmann), the members of garage

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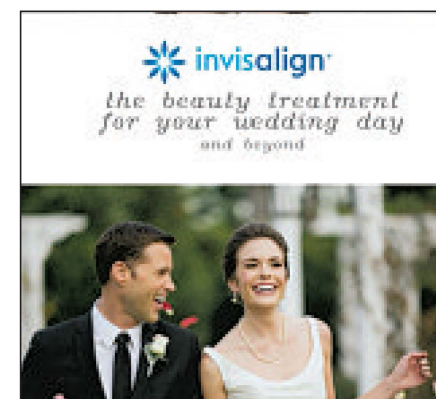
They're not inspired. They don't sacrifice. And Hansen-Love, existing at a distance from all of this, never identifies a distinction for why anyone else makes it in a changing dance landscape and these dopes don't. (They also gain no professional advantage from being pals with Daft Punk. Come on, guys, network!) If "half-assing your career will get you nowhere" counts as a big lesson for young artists, the music industry is in even bigger trouble than we thought. P.S. Former Chicagoan Greta Gerwig appears briefly as one of Paul's many better halves.

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THURSDAY'S SOLUTIONS

ELMS	SLOPE	HOSE
ROAN	CACHE	AGOG
RULE	ACTOR	CRAIG
STEEPLE	BICKERS	
RED	PIERS	
GREET	BAA	EAGER
HAND	CAL	BEWARE
ACD	CARAMEL	BAN
NEEDED	VIA	DOSE
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	TAPER	MIA
INHERIT	RINGLET	
TUES	LABEL	RAVE
SLAT	OCEAN	AVES
ALLS	THEME	MAST

ACROSS

- 1 Undress
- 6 Curved beam overhead
- 10 European mountains
- 14 Liberace's instrument
- 15 Island feast
- 16 Cylindrical grain tower
- 17 Get up
- 18 Finishes
- 19 Bather's need
- 20 Ottawa NHLers
- 22 Long narrow ditch
- 24 Tidy
- 25 Cool desserts
- 26 Mental tension
- 29 Dad's sisters
- 30 Debtor's note
- 31 Cancer, Virgo, Taurus, etc.
- 33 "Pokey"; children's song and dance
- 37 weevil; plant destroyer
- 39 Wise men
- 41 about; tout highly
- 42 Water vapor
- 44 Outperforms
- 46 Light brown
- 47 Christmas song
- 49 Break in a kid's school day
- 51 More frightening
- 54 Valley
- 55 Gangster AI
- 56 Mighty
- 60 Ripens
- 61 Stylish
- 63 Stop
- 64 Meadows
- 65 Goose's sound
- 66 aback; surprised
- 67 Brontë classic "Jane"
- 68 Is in the red
- 69 Snow toys

DOWN

- 1 Hot tubs
- 2 Grow fatigued
- 3 Weather forecast
- 4 Bananas
- 5 Dickinson or Angelou
- 6 On the ball
- 7 Gallops
- 8 Insensitive jerk
- 9 Anjelica of films

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- 10 Property tax collector
- 11 Wild felines
- 12 Location
- 13 Tenth-graders, for short
- 21 Desert refuge
- 23 Biblical book
- 25 Ponders
- 26 Bro and sis
- 27 Sound the horn
- 28 Statute

- 29 Cherub
- 32 Zsa Zsa
- 34 Actress Winslet
- 35 Mendes and Longoria
- 36 Strong desires
- 38 Sport played with a small rubber ball
- 40 "Turkey in the"
- 43 Primary
- 45 Chooses
- 48 Repeat again

- 50 Breakfast order
- 51 Climb
- 52 Rather devious
- 53 "...a partridge in _ tree"
- 54 Wharves
- 56 Yearn
- 57 Phony
- 58 Secondhand
- 59 Camera's eye
- 62 TV's "...I Met Your Mother"

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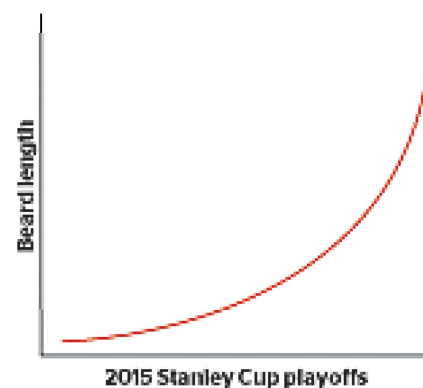
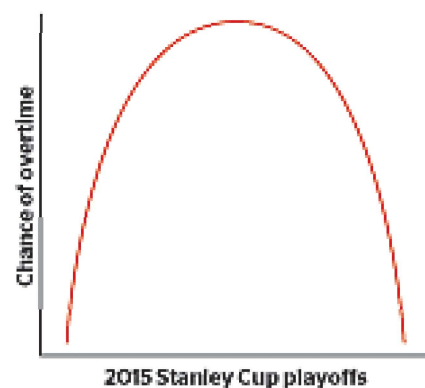
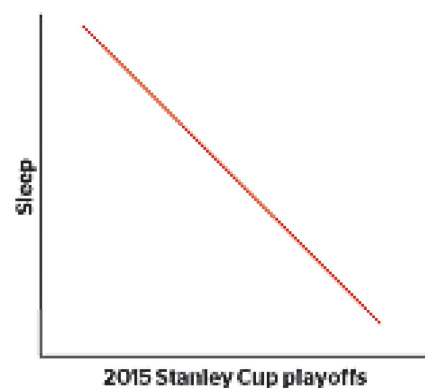
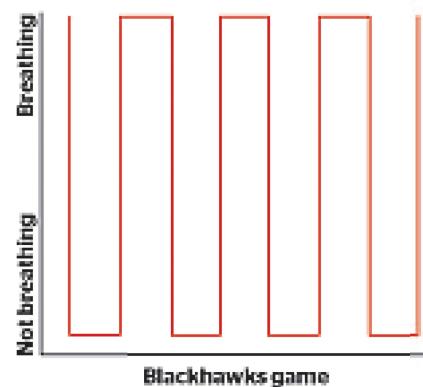
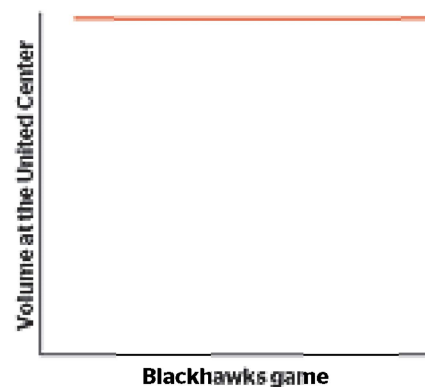
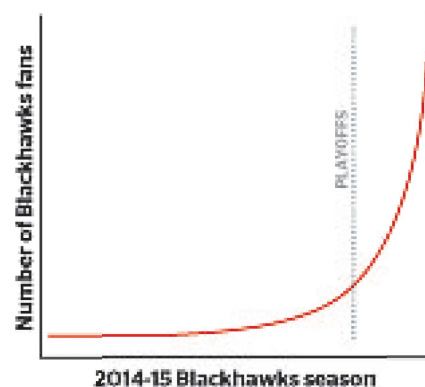
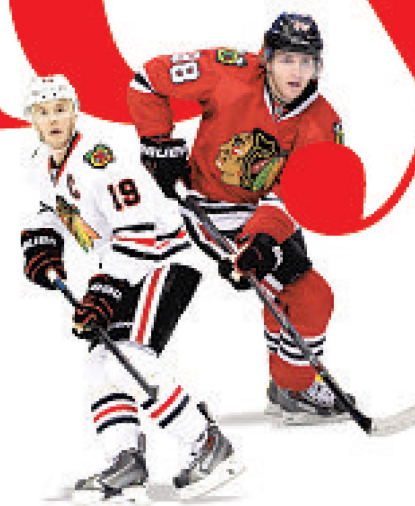


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LET'S TALK hawkeye

By Sara Amato | REDEYE

Let's be honest: You can never have too much Blackhawks in your life. Right? RIGHT??? Right. We understand there are a lot of ways to dissect the 2014-15 Blackhawks season: stories about players (and their babies), Darling vs. Crawford, the endless overtimes, trade talks and Cup tracking. But we tried something different. We broke down the Blackhawks' championship season with these very handy infographics*. SARA AMATO IS A REDEYE DESIGNER. SAAMATO@REDEYETCHICAGO.COM | @SAAMATO



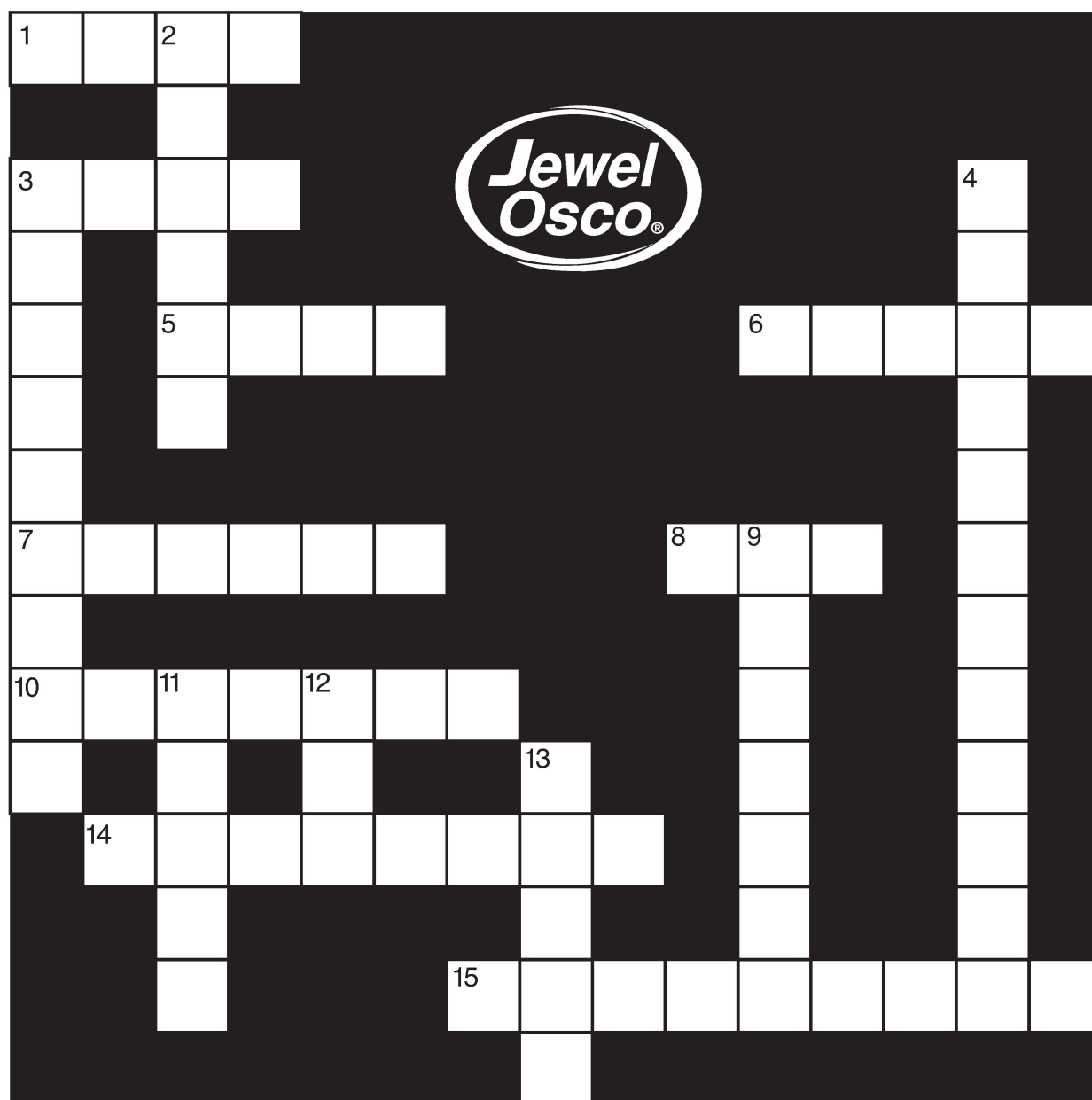
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3. Food you can feel ____ about
5. Shopping vehicle
6. ____-Osco
7. Digital coupon app
8. Bank on it
10. Deep sea delicacy
14. Sale Price call-out
15. _____ Everyday

DOWN

2. U.S.D.A _____ Beef
3. Zesty mexican dip
4. Season Pass Headquarters
9. Tribune Food Critic favorite
11. Bakery Fresh
12. Beverage associated with Jewels early days
13. Keepin' it _____

ANSWERS: Across: 1. OSCO 3. GOOD 5. CART 6. JEWEL 7. MYMIX 8. TOF 10. LOBSTER 14. REDALERT 15. ESSENTIAL
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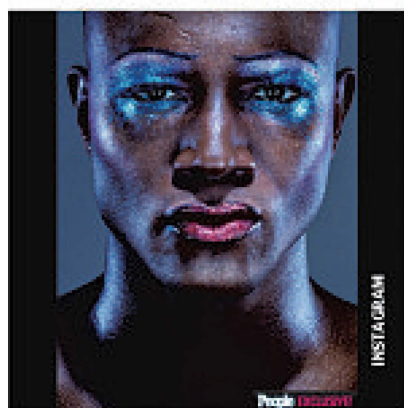


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Looking for a director no more

Finally! John Green's "Looking for Alaska" has finally, FINALLY found its director. Green announced Rebecca Thomas as the power behind the camera Wednesday via Twitter. The rights to the book were picked up 10 years ago but shelved after disinterest by Paramount, according to *variety.com*. With "Paper Towns" slated to hit theaters July 24, we're pretty sure Green eventually is going to rule the world.



We are pleased to present to you Taye Diggs as Hedwig!

The Broadway show "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" released—to People magazine—its first photo of Diggs as the titular character, Hedwig. Diggs will be the sixth actor to portray Hedwig since the March 2014 revival on Broadway. Diggs told People magazine, "Hedwig is the role of a lifetime. I'm looking forward to being challenged performance-wise on many levels, as well as being humbled by the musical's social implications. I also like wearing nail polish." Taye, we love you in nail polish. You're totally rocking it. Diggs starts as Hedwig on July 22 and ends his run in October.



Jeffrey Tambor as Maura Pfefferman in 'Transparent'

THE DIGIT

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Disney executives have no reason to be anything but happy right now. That's how much Walt Disney Studios has made at the domestic box office so far this year, according to *deadline.com*, passing the mark Thursday. That beats the previous record set July 8, 2012, for fastest to \$1 billion in a calendar year. Disney can thank Marvel's "Avengers: Age of Ultron," Pixar's "Inside Out" and "Cinderella" for its box office success so far this year.



More 'Transparent'? Yes, please.

Ahead of the series' second-season premiere, Amazon Studios renewed "Transparent" for a third season, which will debut in 2016. The studio also inked a deal with "Transparent" series creator Jill Soloway to develop more TV projects. We're as thrilled as Amazon is for more Pfefferman stories. The second season still has not received a release date.



THE QUOTE

"I just got fired by my wussy acting agent because I spoke up about the bull{bleep} in Hollywood."

—Rose McGowan, on Twitter, after she was dropped by her agent for criticizing a wardrobe description for a part in an Adam Sandler film she received a script for, according to *THR.com*. On Thursday, McGowan's former agent resigned. Man, just another reason to blame Sandler for all things wrong in the world ...



Zoinks!

Dustin Diamond of "Saved by the Bell" fame was sentenced to four months in jail and 15 months probation for a stabbing incident last year, according to *vulture.com*.

According to witnesses, Diamond accidentally stabbed a man after a fight broke out between his girlfriend and another woman. Diamond told the judge, "This was the single most terrifying experience of my life." He begins his sentence Sunday.

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